

and light. "I am nigh thee and round about thee to do thee good. I am not afar off; wilt thou accept my offer of kindness? If thou wilt, thou wilt be happy. Refuse not my offer, but I will not insist too much, for thou must be left free to make thy own choice, which, please do rightly so that thou mayest enjoy life everlasting and glorify thy Father who art in Heaven, and enjoy life here whilst in this state of being," is what the blessed Master would say, I think, were he present with thee. Keep him not out "until his locks are white with the dew of the night," but let his divine power and presence rule in thy mind or spirit above every other consideration, his loving kindness in thy mind or spirit practiced towards others continually whilst journeying along, making thy burden easy and thy yoke light. And so this divine power influencing our minds has a tendency to bring about what is prayed for when we say: "Thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven." A heavenly state experienced whilst here on earth, and thus have our burdens made light and the yoke easy, and so glorify our Heavenly Father.

ANONYMOUS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING, 9TH MO., 1894.

Meeting for Ministers and Elders,
10 a.m., 9th mo. 15th.

Annual Conference, 3 p.m., 9th mo.
15th.

Business Session begins 9th mo.
17th.

Friends from the east coming via Chicago take the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. to Mendota, thence to Lостant on the Ill. Central R. R. Friends from the west come on the Chicago & Rock Island R. R. to La Salle, thence to Lостant on Ill. Central R. R. Day trains arriving in Lостant are from the north, two, 6.20 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. From the south, 1.30 p.m.

Visitors should report their names early to one of the following Committee:

Morris A. Wilson, Magnolia, Illinois.
Lillian E. Mills, Clear Creek, "
Wm. L. Mills, " "
Willis B. Mills, Mt. Palatine, "
M. Gertrude Wilson, Magnolia, "

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

THE FRIENDS' CONFERENCE.

The nineteenth conference of the Friends' First-day School Association held its first session yesterday morning at Chappaqua, N. Y. Over 1,500 Friends gathered in the large tent on the grounds of the institute and remained for a few minutes in silent prayer, after which a vocal prayer was offered by Allen Flitcraft, of Chester, Penn. Joseph A. Bogardus, of New York, presided. The report of the Executive Committee told of general progress in the Society. The report of the New York Yearly Meeting showed that since the conference had last met within its borders—fifteen years ago—the number of schools has doubled and the number of scholars increased one third. The New York Yearly Meeting said that they had found the new lesson leaves, which were a departure from the international series formerly used, extremely satisfactory. This report called forth many remarks by both men and women Friends. Elizabeth Lloyd, of Philadelphia, referred to the large number of children attending the schools who were not Friends.

In the name of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Dr O. Edward Janney responded to the welcome which the New York Yearly Meeting had extended to them, and Isaac Wilson, a minister from Canada, spoke of the hearty appreciation of the delegates and collaborators who had accepted the generous invitation extended to them.

The report from the Genesee Yearly Meeting, which includes Canada and Northern New York, was the cause of much discussion. The change from the international lessons in their case had proved a mistake, and they were